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Re: U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/729,924  
LOLACHI et al./FRESENTIUS AG  
Our Ref.: P63518US0

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Pursuant to our just completed telephone conversation, I attach copies of (1) the original application papers for the captioned application, with transmittal letter, Preliminary Amendment and PTO date-stamped receipt card, indicating filing on December 6, 2000, and (2) a Request for Pre-Grant Republication and its attachments and PTO date-stamped receipt card, indicating filing in the Office of Patent Publication, Director's Office on September 26, 2001.

We appreciate your efforts in seeking to ensure that the captioned application is republished with the inclusion of omitted Figure 7c and the order of the names of the three inventors appearing as follows:

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Please advise if you require any additional information or any additional assistance to accomplish republication of this very important application for our client. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,



Jonathan L. Scherer  
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Applicant: EBNER et al  
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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

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- X Drawings 11 Sheets

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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for A STERILITY-MAINTAINING CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL SYSTEMS  
AND USE THEREOF. The application comprises a 13-page  
specification, including 19 claims (3 independent) and Abstract and  
11 sheets of drawings.

Also accompanying this application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment to Lessen Fees;

A certified copy of German Application No. 199 60 226.3, filed  
December 14, 1999, will follow in due course, the priority of which  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without  
Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing  
Fee will be filed subsequently.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

It is requested, based upon the advice and recommendation of Robert Bahr of the Office of Patent Legal Administration and Mary Small of the Office of Patent Automation, that pre-grant publication No. US 2001/0012930 be republished to correct printing errors. The printing errors are the omission of Figure 7c of the original application filed on December 6, 2000, copy attached, and the order of the names of the three inventors to appear as follows, based upon the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney:

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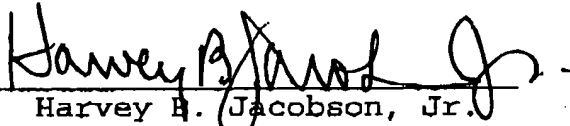
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This request for pre-grant republication was necessitated due to a serious error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The request is being filed less than two (2) months after the publication date of August 9, 2001. There should be no fee charged to Applicants in connection with the republication.

Favorable action commensurate with the foregoing is requested. If anything further is required of Applicants in order to accomplish the pre-grant republication requested above, please telephone undersigned counsel at the number listed below. Notice of republication should also be transmitted to the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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